

provisions of the Conduct Rules, no class-I officer shall, except the previous sanction of the Government servant, permit his son, daughter or other dependent to accept employment in any company or firm with which he has official dealings or in any other company or firm having official dealings with the Government. A Government servant shall, as soon as he becomes aware of the acceptance by a member of his family, of an employment in any company or firm, intimate such acceptance to the prescribed authority and shall also intimate whether he has or has had any official dealings with that company or firm. The Rules also provide that no Government servant shall in discharge of his official duties deal with any matter or give or sanction any contract to any company or firm or any other person if he or any member of his family is employed in that company or firm or under the person.

The Conduct Rules also provide that save as provided in these rules, no Government servant shall accept, or permit any member of his family or any other person acting on his behalf to accept any gift. The expression 'gift' shall include free transport, boarding, lodging or other services or any other pecuniary advantage provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the Government servant.

Thus, there are adequate provisions in the rules to check whether employment/study abroad, if any, of children of officers is sponsored by Multinational Companies with an intention to find favours from the officers concerned.

PMO's Interference in various issues

3741. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the 'Times of India' dated 16th February, 2001, under the caption, "PMO is trying to extend its reach, Former Secretary";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is proposed to take any effective steps to control the PMO from extending its reach and influencing the decisions on the various issues concerning the different Ministries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations are baseless.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Central Staffing Scheme

3742. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details and salient features of the Central Staffing Scheme prevalent in the Ministries and Departments as well as Instrumentalities of the Union Government;

(b) whether approval of ACC is essential in the context of Central Staffing Scheme relating to appointments of officers of the rank of Secretaries and above; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The details and salient features of the Central Staffing Scheme are contained in Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training's) Office Memorandum No. 36/77/94-EO(SM.I), dated the 5th January, 1996 which is a published document. The Scheme provides a systematic arrangement for selection and appointment of officers to senior administrative posts at the Centre, excluding posts which are specifically encadred within the organised Group 'A'